Approved For Release 1999/09/09: CIA-RDP82-00457R002600190004-3 CLASSIFICATION CONTIDENTIAL 25X1A2g CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT NO. information report CD NO. COUNTRY Syria DOM IDEINING DATE DISTR. 1 April 1949 SUBJECT Coup d'Etat in Syria NO. OF PAGES 1 25X1A6a PLACE NO. OF ENCLS. **ACQUIRED** 25X1A2g DATE OF IN SUPPLEMENT T 25X1X6 DEPORT NO The military coup d'état which took place in Syria on 30 March 1919 was carried out by 4 Brigade under Captain QARUSLI. This brigade, consisting of 2,800 men, came directly from Lebanon to Damascus. Source states that there were a few Iraqi. troops involved in this movement. Two hundred government officials were seized and taken to Hanadieh Barracks. Hahmud Hindi, Chief of the Syrian Sureté, was among those detained. Shortly before the coup, 8,000 tons of supplies arrived from France. Source states that these are being stored in Damascus. The Lebanese Sureté received orders on the morning of 29 March instructing them to take over the road blocks in the area of the Lebanese-Syrian border in behalf of the Syrian Army. The Syrian Army then withdrew the Syrian Gendarmerie border guards. 25X1X6 4. Fawzi Qawuqji told hat he had had advance information regarding the coup and purposely left Damascus for Shtawra, Lebanon, before the coup began. Qawuqji stated that it was the "next revolution" which was really 25X1X6 of interest to him. states that Sami Kabbarah, opposition leader, is "at Zaim's elbow."* 25X1A2g This document is hereby regraded to CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with the letter of 16 October 1978 from the Director of Central Intelligence to the Archivist of the United States. Next Review Date: 2008

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